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# MONTANA KAIMIN

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Bret Ferris/Montana Kaimin

A doe and her fawns take a break from their stroll through campus earlier this month to nibble on some grass. The City Council Conservation Committee is considering a proposal from Councilman Jerry Ballas that would remove some of the city's deer population.

## City ponders deer abundance

Will Cleveland

Kaimin Reporter

Students might see fewer deer eyes poking through the nighttime darkness if a City Council proposal is approved.

**Increased white-tailed deer population prompts proposal to remove animals from inside city limits**

Spotting deer in the Missoula area and near the University of Montana has become increasingly common. These deer-human interactions have prompted the City Council Conservation Committee to look at a proposal from Councilman Jerry Ballas that would eliminate or remove some of the urban deer population.

"The population of white-tailed deer in the Missoula area is certainly above historic levels," said Scotts Mills, a professor of wildlife population ecology at the UM College of Forestry and Conservation. "The population assessment comes down to the perspective of human values. If someone's garden is being eaten by deer, then they will certainly believe that the population is out of control. But not everyone believes that."

A meeting Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. will be the first in a series of open discussions in which the committee will decide which experts need to be

consulted before a final decision.

The City Council is only in the early stage of reviewing possible courses of action, and there will be a long, well-thought-out process before a plan is approved, said Mack Long, the regional supervisor for Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Missoula.

"It will be challenging to come up with a good plan," Long said, "because deer will continue to come into the city even if we remove some of them. We need to be realistic. We will be looking for a balanced plan that minimizes the conflict between deer and people."

"I also think we are getting way ahead of ourselves," Long said later. "Discussion in this issue is far from over."

Though discussion is at an early phase, Long said, "the chance of having hunting within the city limits is pretty slim."

Regardless of what decision the City Council makes, no one will be able to predict the long-term consequences.

"I am not sure how effective this program will be," Mills said. "It all depends on how many deer are killed and which type of deer are killed. Obviously, if older deer and fawns are killed, then it will have little effect on the population growth."

The population of white-tailed deer in the area

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## Expensive heating bills worry students

Madeleine Creevy

Kaimin Reporter

Despite this year's seemingly endless summer, winter is inevitably on its way, and as the cold temperatures approach some students say they are afraid to turn up their thermostats because of rising energy costs.

NorthWestern Energy officials announced that energy bills for residential customers will rise again Nov. 1. The company did lower rates slightly on Oct. 1, but less than one month later, prices have gone back up.

NorthWestern serves more than 300,000 Montana gas and electric customers.

University of Montana sophomore Aaron Connelly said he is afraid he will not have enough money to cover his monthly bills if he turns on his heat.

"I can barely pay the energy bill now. There is no way I am going to be able to afford heat without getting more hours in at work," Connelly said.

UM senior Jamie Furman said that instead of paying for heat, she chooses to put on extra layers of clothes.

"Instead of turning up the thermostat this winter I am going to have to put on a wool sweater," she said. "It is just too expensive."

Some students are winterizing their homes to keep costs down.

Furman said she has put up sheets of plastic and duct taped it over her leaky windows to keep cold air from seeping in.

"It might not look pretty, but I have found it keeps the cold air out and the energy bill down," she said.

**As winter approaches, students conjure ways to keep costs down**

After Nov. 1, the average natural-gas bill for residential customers will increase 1.8 percent, or \$1.43, from \$79.23 to \$80.66. The average electric bill will rise .43 percent, or 26 cents, from \$60.53 to \$60.79.

NorthWestern officials attribute the increase to rising costs of energy supply.

In July, NorthWestern raised energy prices 35 percent, sending average natural-gas bills to \$84.28 and electric bills to \$62.74.

Pat Corcoran, vice president of regulatory affairs for NorthWestern, said he predicts prices will begin to creep back up as winter approaches.

"Gas bills this winter will probably be higher than last winter," Corcoran said. "Bills are based upon how much customers use."

He also said it is hard to predict winter bills because market prices fluctuate almost daily, and

there is no telling what Mother Nature has in store for Missoula this winter.

Michelle Mead, meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Missoula, said this winter will be colder than the last five.

NorthWestern gives customers a chance to have their homes checked by a NorthWestern Energy efficiency expert.

During the checks, called energy audits, officials go through customers' homes and try to make them as energy-efficient as possible.

"We will replace shower heads, wrap water heaters with insulation, check existing insulation, identify problem areas, and make suggestions to the home owner about how to fix them," said a NorthWestern Energy employee, who would not give his name due

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## Student directories late, but on the way

**Free directories for students and faculty should be available Nov. 15**

Chelsi Moy

Kaimin Reporter

Wonder why the hunk in your class hasn't called? Waiting for that special connection? Love might have to wait until the second week in November when the University of Montana phone books are handed out.

Benjamin Thomas, who works four days a week at the UC Info Desk and Box Office, said, on average, two people a day come to the desk in search of the 2003-2004 UM phone books.

"They get pretty upset that we don't have them," he said, "but there's nothing we can do about it."

If it seems like the updated University directory is taking longer to release to the public than in past years, that's because it is.

Usually the publishing company, North Winds Publishing & Printing, has 30 days to produce a finished product from the time the University sends it the information. This year, the turnover period was extended to 45 days.

"We extended it because it's just too hard to do it in 30 days," said

Lisa Arends, office manager and special projects coordinator for University Relations.

University Relations is responsible for organizing the phone directory, and aims to release the updated version by Nov. 1. However, Arends said she suspects it will take until Nov. 15.

"I started to work heavily on it in mid-July," Arends said. "Everything needs to be updated every year. We make contact with every department. It's quite the process."

University Relations could not submit the directory to North Winds until Sept. 22 — the last day for students to register for classes and pay tuition.

The three-year contract signed last February with North Winds said the company had 45 days to produce a final product. However, Arends said it will probably take only 40 days.

Last February, five publishing companies from around the state bid for the contract with UM to print the phone directories and sell the advertisements for it. Arends said they went with North Winds because it presented the best offer and is a Montana company.

Last year, the phone directory — which was also produced by North Winds — brought in \$81,000 in advertisements, \$15,000 of which goes to University Relations. The

money helps sponsor events such as the Easter egg hunt on the Oval, events during parents' weekend and the Centennial Circle of bricks.

There will be 12,000 directories produced and distributed between the UC Information and Box Office, all mail stops, and in every dorm. Students and faculty members may also pick up directories in Brantly Hall, Room 317. The UM directories are free.

Also, for the first time, directories will be distributed to local businesses. University Relations usually has leftover phone books, which are recycled at the end of the year, Arends said. This way, she hopes they will get better use.



Editorial

Oh, Lois, we were just getting to know you

So long, Lois Muir. You came to UM in 2000, and it’s about time to fly the coop. So flap your wings and leave us provost-less if you’d like — not that many students know what a provost really does.

But you should be forgiven for searching for a job elsewhere, Lois. It’s not your fault that the University of Montana can’t offer you more money or a bump up from second-in-command. It is a situation with which UM is quite familiar: Administrators settle in and are led away by carrots hanging from the sticks of other universities.

UM just doesn’t have the cash to compete.

But, Lois, whether you become president of California State University in Chico or provost at some other big-bucks university, just remember: UM gave you a foot up.

It did the same for Thomas Storch and Lloyd Chesnut, who left campus last March. Storch, the former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, packed up his box of belongings in the spring to leave for Central Michigan University after three faithful years at UM. He is now vice president and provost there, a notable bump up from his position as dean.

Then there’s Chesnut, former vice president for Research and Development, who is now in sunny, sweltering Texas. His title at the University of North Texas in Denton is almost identical to his previous one, but his pay isn’t. Chesnut makes “significantly more” than the \$136,700 he made at UM, the Kaimin reported last spring.

As Jane Austen once said, “A large income is the best recipe for happiness I ever heard of.” It’s too bad UM can’t provide much financial felicity for its administrators.

But low pay is UM’s modus operandi. Many who come here like to say they don’t do it for the money. It’s the community and outdoor life that ensnare them, they say. That’s what UM has to offer — there are mountains and friendly people. Take it or leave it.

The town’s and school’s offerings don’t seem to be enough for many administrators. Where money is, thus go the people, and UM is like a springboard toward higher pay. It’s a resume booster, a transition school. But the practice of administrators ditching out hurts the University’s stability and reputation.

UM should look more carefully into picking its administrators. Perhaps it should find people who believe Missoula is an enticing place to stay. The money alone won’t keep them here.

There are those who like UM for what it is. George Dennison has been here since 1990, and Barbara Hollmann, former vice president for Student Affairs, hung around for more than 20 years before leaving last spring. Both of them prove it’s possible to stick with the University despite outside financial temptations.

But, Lois, your temptation to leave is understandable. It’s not every day you have the chance to be president of a university.

Whether you stay or go matters not, Lois. Your allegiance to UM is out in the open now. It’s obvious you want to move on, so don’t let the door hit you on the way out.

*Adam Weinacker, news editor*

Liberals not one-size-fits-all

Your columnist, Tom Figarelle, has been writing opinions with certitude if not wit. Particularly intriguing is the way he equates all liberals to the gentleman with “dreadlocks, ripped jeans and a completely unhygienic appearance...”

In order to expand Tom’s horizon I would like to introduce myself: I’m a 48-year-old woman with very short hair and clean, unripped clothing who showers every morning. I’ve worked at the University of Montana for three years as a staff member. I don’t think it is the responsibility of government to redistribute money from the rich to the poor. I also don’t think it’s the responsibility of corporate America to reap wealth off the backs of their employees to pay CEOs tens of millions of dollars annually.

Nor should they dodge paying taxes by moving their corporations to other countries and other unfair loopholes. And yes, they should have to pay taxes on their dividend income!

The University staff, like many people in Montana, is hard-working and generally underpaid. It’s difficult not to resent the implication that we want someone else’s hard-earned money. Do you think we don’t deserve money because we aren’t working hard enough? Our country’s appointed CEO makes sure that his very wealthy friends get a big kickback while the men and women in our military and their families are struggling to make ends meet.

Our misleader-in-chief is raking in the highest campaign contributions in history from the same fat cats who glean the rewards of his tax cut.

Meanwhile universities and school districts are underfunded, the infrastructure of our nation is collapsing, the environment is being decimated and our civil liberties shredded.

At the rate Bush II is losing jobs in this country, if he wins (buys) the next election, Tom may be unemployed after he graduates. He can always join the volunteer army. That seems to be the only career for which this administration is actually generating any jobs.

While it’s not fair to equate all liberals to the unhygienic political science major, it’s also not fair to equate all conservatives to Kenny Boy Lay. The dreadlocked gentleman was just as unfair to equate all capitalists with greedy, self-centered people. I am proud to be a capitalist in a democratic country. I am proud to be an American liberal.

Liberals need to quit allowing the cacophony of conservative crap from the right-wing media to rob us of our dignity and honor. Score one more for the liberals!

*Wanda L. LaCroix,  
Administrative Associate, PAR-TV*

Editor shouldn’t bash Montanans

I was almost in tears on Friday. I felt really bad for Chris Rodkey, after reading the Kaimin editor’s “Squirrel Talk” last week. Evidently, we Montanans are not living up to his utopian expectations.

Rodkey complained about how Montana falls short of a paradise. His idea of which includes an industry-based economy and no locally-owned businesses, who would audaciously advertise their pride in serving us. He goes on to classify Montana as “an economic joke, caught on the line between tourism and extractive industries.” Sorry Chris, but some states’ economies are largely resource and agriculture based. From where do you think the raw materials that support the largest economy in the world come? How about the wood from which your soapbox is made?

Most Montanans, especially Missoulians, welcome nonnatives and other forms of diversity. Rodkey assumes people sigh heavily and roll their eyes, because he is from eastern Washington. But after reading his editorial, in which he insults Montanans, whines about university improvements, and boorishly calls people Nazis, it is safe to assume that they shun him for his ignorance and insecurities.

*Brandon Sinkbeil  
graduate student, English literature, German*



Don’t heed Kaimin drinking advice

Regarding the Peanut Gallery article of Oct. 10, 2003, I would caution you to check before you give students such advice as to drink at home then walk downtown to socialize, because then, you say, “students will never be cited for MIP.” Au contraire.

MIP, which stands for minor in possession, can be possession by consumption and we here at ASUM Legal Service regularly have students come in who were cited for an MIP without a beer in hand. When the officer asks a student to blow into the handheld breathalyzer, it is for the purpose of establishing possession by consumption. By the way, you have the right to refuse to blow, and unless you have had nothing to drink, there is no benefit to you in blowing — it is evidence that will be used to convict you.

If you do refuse the portable breathalyzer, the officer can still cite you based on the smell of alcohol on your breath, your appearance, your difficulty retrieving your I.D. and your coordination or lack thereof. Thus, drinking at home will not save you from incurring an MIP unless you stay home, quietly inside.

By the way, do not confuse your MIP right to refuse to blow with one when you are driving. In a DUI situation, there is no penalty for refusing to blow: your license will be seized at that moment and probably for 6 months to come. You do, however, have the right to refuse to perform the sobriety tests (walk & turn, one legged stand and eye test). There is no penalty for this refusal, again, performing them accrues evidence to convict you with.

*Anne Hamilton, attorney  
ASUM Legal Services*

Plus/minus grading dunderheaded

There was an article run in the Kaimin concerning the +/- grading option. This option will only hurt your chances of getting accepted to a secondary education (say pharmacy or med) school later on. As of now you, as a current student, enjoy the “flat rate,” and will have to work harder for a lower GPA. Only around 1 percent of the student population will actually benefit from this “new improvement.” As competition for acceptance becomes fiercer, transfer students with this flat rate will have a higher GPA and in comparison the lower GPA will be passed over, all else being equal.

I am currently a graduating senior, and will not be affected, and only stand to gain if this option is passed. The decision to pass this option can only have a negative impact on you, the current student. Why shoot yourself in the foot? This option was passed over for a good reason, and to reinstate it is sheer folly.

Those of you who think this option will give you an exclusionary benefit over other current students, are really missing the big picture, that you are competing nationwide, not just at the U of M. Please look at your options, and really see the big picture and consequences of this option, and then make your choice.

*Glenn Pinson,  
senior, chemistry*

RIAA — a cartel in the right

The RIAA has every right to sue anyone and take any means necessary to protect their price-fixing monopoly and \$20 CD sales like a bunch of extortionist thugs. Oh, wait, no, price-fixing cartels are illegal.

*Ty Shughart  
sophomore*

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# Weather or not

High: 78  
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Mostly sunny

The weather for the next two days will be, in a word, SWEET. Today it's going to be hot, in fact, probably record hot. It's going to be a beautiful day, with perhaps even an odd temperature spike in the afternoon. Alas, all good things come to a crashing halt in the fall. Tonight the ridge is breaking down and the cold will return. We're going to return to normal temperatures and the snow will cling to the mountains again. Get excited! This is weather the way it was meant to be.

Kaimin Weather - "Note to Physical Plant: We're warm."

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### Ask Adam

Hey yo. Be askin' questions before we come after you with a sock o' quarters.

Sample questions:

~ Who was The Bench?

~ How much longer before school is done?

Send questions to editor@kaimin.org

# Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, Oct. 22

**Plus/Minus Grading Discussion**  
UC 329 — 2 p.m.

Professor Bill Knowles, Chair of the Faculty Senate, will be answering questions from students about the plus/minus grading system that was passed at a recent meeting. Come ask questions.

**"Step Afrika!"**  
University Center Ballroom — 7 p.m.

Get down with this Washington, D.C.-based percussion-dance ensemble presented by UM's multicultural alliance. \$6.

**Brown Bag Lecture**  
Mansfield Center Conference Room — 1 p.m.

"The War in Chechnya: Its impact on Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan." Presented by journalist and motorcyclist Thomas Goltz, who has seen the war in Chechnya firsthand.

**Free Peace and Justice movie**  
University Center Theater — 6:30 p.m.  
"What I've Learned About U.S. Foreign Policy: CIA Covert Operations and U.S. Interventions Since WWII."

### Thursday, Oct. 23

**Brown Bag Lecture**  
University Center Alumni Boardroom — Noon

"Puszcza Bialowieska: Research in Europe's Primeval Forest." By Kerry Foresman, a UM biology professor.

**Native American Studies Meeting**

Review scholarships and fellowships for seniors, and you can hit up a potluck dinner to boot. For information call 243-5831.

**Migraine Lecture**

St. Patrick Hospital's Broadway Building, Conference Center 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
"Oh What a Headache: Unraveling the Complexities of Migraine," by Keith Parker, a UM pharmacy professor. Free.

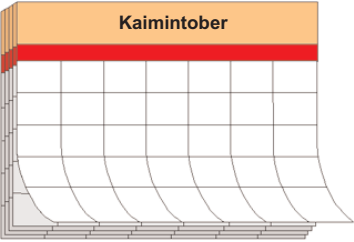
### Friday, Oct. 24

**Math Building turns 100!**  
Open house 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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**Laugh Out Loud Comedy Showcase**  
University Center — 10 p.m.

Catch some laughs with comedian Justin McKinney. Tickets are \$4 with a Griz card, \$6 without.



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Sean Sperry/for the Montana Kaimin  
People board the new 24-passenger U-DASH bus Wednesday night. U-DASH offers late-night transportation for students between downtown and campus.

## ASUM buys bigger bus for U-DASH

**Kristen Cates**  
For the Kaimin

More University of Montana students are now able to ride home from the bars safely since ASUM transportation purchased a new bus for the U-DASH program.

The new bus, which started running Oct. 15, holds 24 passengers, 11 more than the 13 seats the old Mountain Line bus provided. The extra space was the main reason for buying the new bus, said Nancy McKiddy, ASUM Transportation director.

"We left a lot of people downtown," she said.

ASUM spent \$44,000 on the new bus, McKiddy said. The money came from held-over funds that were to be used to start a second Park-N-Ride program south of the Lewis and Clark housing complex currently under construction.

"But then we said, 'It's students' money,'" McKiddy said. "This is a need right now."

She said ASUM hopes the revenue from the \$2 late-night bus fee assessed on students' bills will recover the money to spend on the second Park-N-Ride, which it hopes to start next fall. So far, McKiddy said, ASUM is projecting \$5,000 from the fee.

ASUM received \$10,400 in donations for the bus from various organizations, McKiddy said.

The previous U-DASH bus was also old and worn-out, said Ben Courteau, ASUM student-at-large and chairman of the transportation board.

"It has a lot of miles on it,"

Courteau said. "We weren't sure it was going to last very much longer."

Although the current bus is new to UM, it is actually an older model that has been refurbished by a company called Coach Crafter.

The bus runs on regular diesel, because ASUM is waiting for the 90-day engine warranty to expire in December before using bio-diesel, which the old bus used, McKiddy said.

"Bio-diesel isn't always approved by engine manufacturers," she said.

McKiddy said she didn't know whether Coach Crafter had a problem with bio-diesel, but decided to wait to make sure.

The idea to buy a new bus was brought before the ASUM Senate early this fall and passed almost unanimously, said ASUM Sen. Chris Healow.

Healow said he has ridden the U-DASH bus a few times, and said as winter approaches, it will help keep students from driving downtown. Plus, he said, it is a great way to make friends.

"There's an odd sense of community," he said. "I get a kick out of it."

The U-DASH bus runs a route between campus and downtown every 20 minutes. It runs from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

The old bus is used as a backup for either the U-DASH or Park-N-Ride bus. So far, they have only had to use it once, when the Park-N-Ride bus was in the shop, Courteau said.

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# Cold winter could bust heating budget



Bruce Darvial descends from the main boiler after completing hourly system checks at the campus Heating Plant. Darvial said it is hard to predict energy output for the winter months.

Josh Drake/Montana Kaimin

Natalie Storey

Kaimin Reporter

If it gets frigid this winter, the University of Montana might not have enough money budgeted to pay its natural-gas bill.

"If we have a really cold winter, we'll go over our budget," said Laura Howe, assistant director for utilities and engineering at UM. Howe said UM uses about three times more natural gas to heat the campus in the winter than during the rest of the year.

The last five winters have been uncharacteristically warm for Montana, said Michelle Mead, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Missoula. Mead said this winter is expected to be cooler and snowier than the last five, but average for Missoula.

UM has \$3.5 million in its budget for utilities, said Bob Durringer, vice president for Administration and Finance. About 9 percent of that, or \$323,000, will be spent on salaries, while the rest will cover the cost of electricity and natural gas for campus.

Howe said UM budgets its heating costs for a year of typical Montana weather.

"That's always a risk you take," she said.

UM, along with other universities in the Montana University System, will soon renegotiate its natural-gas contract with NorthWestern Energy as the contract expires in July.

Renegotiations happen every two

years.

Last year, UM's natural-gas bills totaled about \$1.3 million at a rate of \$4.17 a dekatherm, or unit of natural gas. UM now pays \$4.60 a dekatherm.

It takes about 250,000 dekatherms a year to heat the campus. During particularly cold snaps, NorthWestern raises the rates.

Under the current contract, UM has to pay a premium, or peak, rate during cold snaps, Durringer said. NorthWestern determines that rate.

"What we try to do is run the institution as efficiently as we can, so we don't get caught in cold weather with peak rates," he said.

Although Howe, Durringer and others say they work hard to keep the steam pipes across campus and heating plant running efficiently, there are problems sometimes.

Most of the boilers in the heating plant are 50 years old, and many of them need to be replaced, Durringer said.

In addition, there are underground pipes on campus that carry the steam that heats campus. As the pipes get older, the condensation and heat cause deterioration, eventually causing the pipes to burst, Durringer said. These pipes need to be dug up and relocated in tunnels under the campus.

UM doesn't have the money budgeted to dig up, replace and relocate the pipes. Durringer said he expects it would cost \$5 million to replace the boilers and pipes.

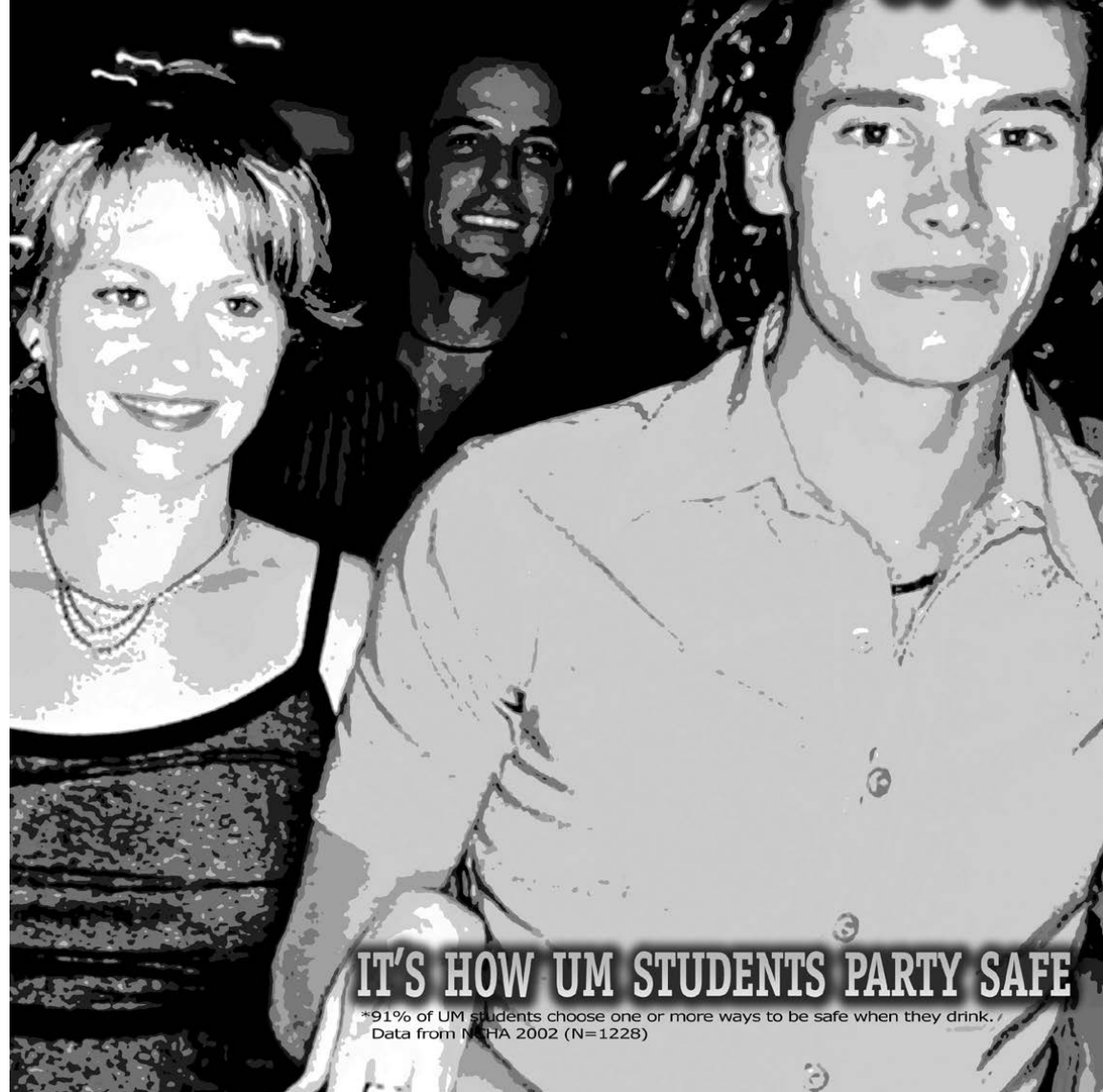
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# Council approves fund-raising for skate park

**Chelsea DeWeese**  
For the Kaimin

Local skateboarders feeling the pinch of proposed ordinances limiting skating downtown might find solace near Orange Street Bridge if a local organization has its way.

The Missoula City Council gave the Missoula Skatepark Association the go-ahead Monday evening to continue fund-raising and developing ideas for a proposed skate park at McCormick Park.

The MSA is a grassroots organization composed of local skateboarders supported by Board of Missoula and Trilocal. The association has been working with the city's Parks and Recreation Department to bring a 15,000-square-foot skateboard and in-line skating facility to life.

"It means a lot," MSA Secretary Ross Peterson said about the council's decision. "We've been working on this a long time."

The MSA will ask the Missoula Redevelopment Agency to pledge \$100,000 to the park during the agency's meeting Wednesday — \$50,000 now to match a donation

made by Pearl Jam, and \$50,000 in the future should the association be able to raise matching funds.

The estimated cost of the skate park is \$320,000.

"One of the things that MRA prides itself in is its ability to form partnerships," said Geoff Badenoch, director of the redevelopment agency. "So far they've been responsible and presented a thoughtful, doable project," he said of the Missoula Skatepark Association.

If the MSA is able see the park completed, the city will assume ownership of the park, according to the resolution.

The city would pay about \$10,000 a year to operate and maintain the park, said Jerry Ballas, chairman of the council's conservation committee. He said the money would come out of the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

When the City Council adopted the McCormick Park Site Plan in July, it designated an area of the park to be used specifically as a skateboard recreation facility.

According to the resolution, the Missoula community has not provid-

ed local skaters with a safe place to play. And, according to the resolution, as the city's police department and skating community continue to develop ordinances limiting skating downtown, it's also the city's "mission" to serve the recreation needs of its residents.

Currently, the proposed zoning ordinances would divide the downtown area into two "All Wheels Down Zones," as reported by the Montana Kaimin.

Zone One would include the area between Orange Street, Alder Street, Adams Street, East Front Street and the Clark Fork River.

Zone Two would be the area between Arthur Avenue, Campus Drive, Beckwith Avenue, and South 5th Street East, spanning across the UM campus.

A "dismount zone," would encompass the area between Spruce Street, Pattee Street, Front Street and Woody Street.

Peterson and MSA President Chris Bacon said the association's involvement with the proposed skate park is independent of the proposed ordinances — although a skate park

might curb skating downtown.

"It is the intention that by building a skate park in the downtown area, downtown skating will decrease," Bacon said. "It's not like we walked in and said, 'We'll trade downtown skating for a skate park.'"

Many participants in a chat room on the MSA's home page expressed dissatisfaction with the idea of "trading" skating downtown for a skate park.

Although bidding for the design hasn't yet occurred, Bacon and Peterson said they have some of their own ideas.

The two skateboarders grew up in Missoula and helped build skating ramps at the Missoula YMCA. They are looking to other skate parks that have been built across the Northwest, and in other Montana cities such as Libby, Helena and Bozeman.

"It's almost more of an irony that we don't have one yet because Missoula has always considered itself the coolest town in Montana," Bacon said.

The proposed skate park would be open from dawn until dusk and

would be free to the public, Bacon said. Protective pads would not be required, he said, but strongly encouraged.

The skate park would not be open to bikers, Bacon said, because they are not covered under the city's insurance with Montana Municipal Insurance Authority.

The MSA is encouraging people to submit design ideas to the association's home page at [www.missoulaskatepark.org](http://www.missoulaskatepark.org).

On Thursday, Oct. 30, Board of Missoula's annual Snowboard Video Premiere will show at the Crystal Theatre. There is an early show at 6 p.m. and a late show at 8 p.m. for \$5 per show. All proceeds will go to the MSA.

Board of Missoula currently has a half pipe on premises that skaters can ride for \$1 per ride. All proceeds will go to the MSA.

The association is accepting donations to the skate park, offering naming rights to the skate park for a \$100,000 donation and looking into a grant offered by the Tony Hawk Foundation.

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A group of university students takes advantage of the warm fall temperatures Tuesday evening at Bonner Park.

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North Korea tests missile

Soo-Jeong Lee  
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea test-fired an anti-ship missile off its east coast Monday as President Bush and other leaders opened an Asian summit, the communist country's latest military exercise amid tensions over its nuclear program.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff on Monday declined to further identify the type of missile, but said North Korea has fired the same type two or three times this year. U.S. officials are more concerned about North Korea's efforts to develop a missile that could reach the United States.

"The land-to-ship missile North Korea test-fired today is seen as part of its annual exercise," said a spokesman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Seoul, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

On Tuesday, Japan said it suspects that North Korea may have test-fired a missile off its eastern coast for a second straight day. The government said it was trying to confirm the information.

Monday's test came as Bush, meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, promoted a plan in which the United States, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea would jointly give North Korea written assurances it wouldn't be attacked, in exchange for its promise to dismantle its nuclear program.

Senior Bush administration officials, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said they'd concluded

the missile test was a deliberately provocative action intended to grab attention.

On Sunday, Bush dismissed North Korea's demand the United States sign a nonaggression pact in exchange for nuclear concessions.

Monday's launch was the first by North Korea since a reported test in April. Tensions have risen in the region since last October, when Washington said North Korea admitted having a clandestine nuclear program.

Bush met Monday with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and cited "good progress" in winning support for a new diplomatic overture to North Korea. They issued a joint statement calling for quick resumption of six-nation talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program, and urged the reclusive communist regime "to refrain from any action which would exacerbate the situation."

Representatives from the United States, the two Koreas, China, Japan and Russia met in Beijing in August to discuss ways to end the nuclear crisis. But the meeting ended without agreement on when to hold another round of talks because of strident differences between North Korea and Washington.

In Tokyo, Cabinet Office spokesman Yukinori Morita and the Defense Agency said the Japanese government had received a report of a land-to-ship missile being fired into the sea between North Korea and Japan around noon on Monday, but had not verified the information.

Federal grant gives UM leg up on bioterrorism

Curtis Wackerle  
For the Kaimin

If bioterrorism ever strikes, Montana pharmacy, nursing and allied-health sciences students hope a \$200,000 federal grant will help them be ready.

The grant initiates a collaboration between the University of Montana, Montana State University, Salish Kootenai College and public-health officials.

"This is a group that's been waiting to happen," said UM associate pharmacy practice professor Jean Carter, co-principal investigator for the project. "We are very excited."

The money, part of a \$26 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allotment to improve bioterror training and readiness, will be used to implement a curriculum in UM's pharmacy school that will give students a basic understanding of what to do if bioterrorism occurs.

Most of the UM dollars will buy faculty time, allowing staffers to dedicate their time to bioterrorism education and training. Carter said a full 25 percent of her time will be spent on this.

There are four main components of the training. Students will learn how to identify signs and symptoms of mass exposure, report the

problem, treat those who have been exposed, and initiate a coordinated, multidisciplinary response with other public-health and safety officials.

Although there will be no specific class added to the UM curriculum, bioterror training and education will be integrated into existing classes by the spring semester, Carter said.

"Maybe our risks are not as great (in Montana) as in other areas," Carter said, "but our graduates could end up somewhere where there are risks."

Affected groups are the UM pharmacy and physical therapy programs, the College of Technology nursing and medical-assisting programs, the MSU-Bozeman nursing program and medical-technology program, and the nursing program at Salish Kootenai College.

All the above groups are expected to work together along with public-health officials to develop a streamlined curriculum.

"Our hope is to work in collaboration with the schools to share resources and develop curriculum," said Melanie Reynolds, emergency-preparedness-training coordinator with the Montana Department of Health and Human Services.

The education will provide essential training to those entering the health-care work force, Reynolds said.

"It concentrates on a very important audience," she said.

UM and MSU students worked together last month when some MSU nursing students came to Missoula. A group of third-year pharmacy students led by Rich Melvin delivered a lecture about the Strategic National Stockpile of antibiotics and equipment that the

government maintains in case of a bioterror attack.

"The stockpile could be shipped out to anywhere in the country in 12 hours," Melvin said.

In late November or December, Melvin said, the MSU students will return to Missoula to deliver a lecture to UM students on some aspect of bioterror training.

"A real positive aspect of this program is working with other groups and breaking down barriers," Melvin said.

Besides increased bioterror awareness, Carter hopes that the grant money will foster better public health in general, improving health-care workers' response to any event. Carter pointed to an incident last year in Alberton when a train loaded with chlorine derailed and chemical workers were called to the scene to prevent drinking-water contamination.

"There are applications beyond bioterrorism," Carter said.

Carter said UM, along with 60 to 70 other schools, filled out the 80-page application to be considered for the curriculum-development grant. Only 12 were selected, including University of California-Los Angeles, Columbia University and the University of Washington.

"Those that are the most qualified are the ones we end up funding," said Kevin Ropp, chief press officer at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

If UM meets the goals it outlined in the grant application, bioterrorism training and education will possibly continue at UM for a second year.

"If they meet the objectives for the first year, it is likely they will get funding for the second year," Ropp said.



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Tyson Johnson, freshman punter, practices Tuesday afternoon at Riverbowl. In his first year playing for the Griz, the Stevensville native has averaged 42 yards per punt.

# Punting for perfection

## Griz rank third nationally in net punting thanks to true freshman's golden foot

**Natalie Storey**  
Kaimin Reporter

Fate might have granted Tyson Johnson the role of the University of Montana football team's punter.

The freshman from Stevensville played the same position in Little Grizzly Football when he was a middle-schooler dreaming of becoming a real Grizzly. And he said he was good at it, even back then.

"I was just gifted with the foot, I guess," Johnson said.

Johnson does have somewhat of a golden foot. Montana is third in the nation in net punting, partially because of Johnson's ability to kick the ball high and far. He's averaging about 42 yards a punt.

"For a true freshman to do what he's doing, he's done an amazing job," head coach Bobby Hauck said.

But in terms of having a sacred foot, the freshman punter plays in the shadow of Montana's senior field-goal kicker Chris Snyder. In Saturday's loss to Idaho State, Snyder sent a 54-yard kick through the uprights in overtime, the second-longest kick in school history. But while Snyder often gets to play the hero, Johnson said he doesn't mind being the other guy. He said he's not very good at kicking field goals anyway.

"Chris is a great guy," Johnson said. "He took me under his wing."

Johnson kicks best with the top of his foot, while field-goal kickers such as Snyder kick with the insides of their feet.

Johnson started kicking in middle school, but improved his skills in high school, where he was not only a punter, but also the quarterback and free safety.

He came to Montana expecting to play defense, but Hauck told him he wanted him to punt and keep himself from getting hurt. He wouldn't get to run drills with the defense any more.

These days in practice Johnson punts about 50 times and retrieves balls for the other kickers. Sometimes he runs the first-down marker for the rest of the team during scrimmages, he said. Johnson said watching is often excruciating, but he realizes he helps the team best as punter.

"It's pretty tough to sit there and want to be in there but not have the opportunity," he said. "It can be frustrating — but that's my role."

But a role he doesn't fit so well is the stereotype of the lone kicker. He might be a freshman, but Johnson said he's made a lot of friends on the team.

"I'm not really the lonesome kicker," he said. "People joke at me like that all the time, but that's not really who I am."

# Student trainers heal Griz athletes

**Jeff Windmueller**  
Sports Editor

Before many football players run through the long, downward tunnel to Washington-Grizzly stadium, emerging upon the field surrounded by screaming fans and the sound of cannon, they stop by a room.

Hidden among the maze of hallways in the Adams Center is the Rhinehart Athletic Training Center. Named for the University of Montana's first head athletic trainer, Naseby Rhinehart, it's often packed with athletes from every sport, each looking for help from a student athletic trainer — a student much like themselves.

"I wouldn't be able to play without them," says Levander Segars, receiver for the Grizzly football team. "I would have a lot of injuries and not a clue what to do."

Segars sits upon a table while a student athletic trainer tapes his ankles and makes sure that he stretches and heats a thigh muscle that was bruised during the game against Sam Houston when his leg just happened to graze a kicker's helmet.

Different athletes stretch on the six padded examination tables in the middle of the room, or dip their feet in the warming whirlpools. Meanwhile, student trainers such as Yoko Iio and Kristine Campbell are working with them, massaging muscles or picking from rolls of tape stacked in pyramid-like rows.

Even though it is the busiest time of year — athletes from every team seem to be in and out of the office — there is a precise order to everything. Tables are cleaned off, equipment is put away and every object is in its own home.

The eight juniors chosen every year and the eight seniors selected the previous year for the athletic training program keep this system alive. Like some majors that deal with internships, they must complete the program before graduating. Trainers gain personal experiences, which will aid them with their final certification test to become professionals.

"We need the student athletic trainers," says assistant athletic trainer J.C. Weider.

Some other schools — such as Montana State University — don't have a student-based program and must instead hire graduate students, which means those teams are often short of help and pay more money, Weider says.

UM's student trainers are not paid, and the hours are long.

**Student athletic trainers work behind the lines to strengthen Griz sports**

Iio graduated from a Japanese university and moved to Missoula to begin studying as an athletic trainer. A senior this year, she is working hands-on with athletes, often assessing, treating and creating a rehabilitation program for injured players.

Student trainers spend at least four or five hours a day working at Rhinehart or roaming the sidelines of practices with certified professionals like Weider and Dennis Murphy, the head athletic trainer.

Then there are the weekends. All sports games demand special attention. During the height of football season, weekend workdays can last around 10 hours. If it is an away game, student athletic trainers often travel with the team.

The time spent working with athletes often takes away from quality time studying.

"I'm taking French, and that is killing me," Iio says.

Iio says she was interested in the work after suffering a long injury while playing soccer in Japan, where rehabilitating athletes is not as stressed as in the United States.

For now, she is just helping out with football. As a senior, she is able to choose a sport to specialize in, and she has chosen women's track.

With the variety of events that tracksters participate in, she will have an opportunity to deal with many types of injuries.

"Track athletes have chronic injuries," Iio says. "I could learn a lot of things — (especially about) rehab."

Student athletic trainers at UM benefit from nearby doctors as well. The students are able to join professionals at different clinics including the Curry Health Center and the Missoula Bone and Joint Surgery Center, Weider says.

Younger students are still learning the ropes.

Campbell is in the junior year of the program, and along with others she must rotate every few weeks to specialize in another sport. Next year she will participate more in evaluating injuries and designing a rehabilitation schedule.

For those who are hoping to be accepted into the student athletic training program, time is still required in the Rhinehart center and on the field.

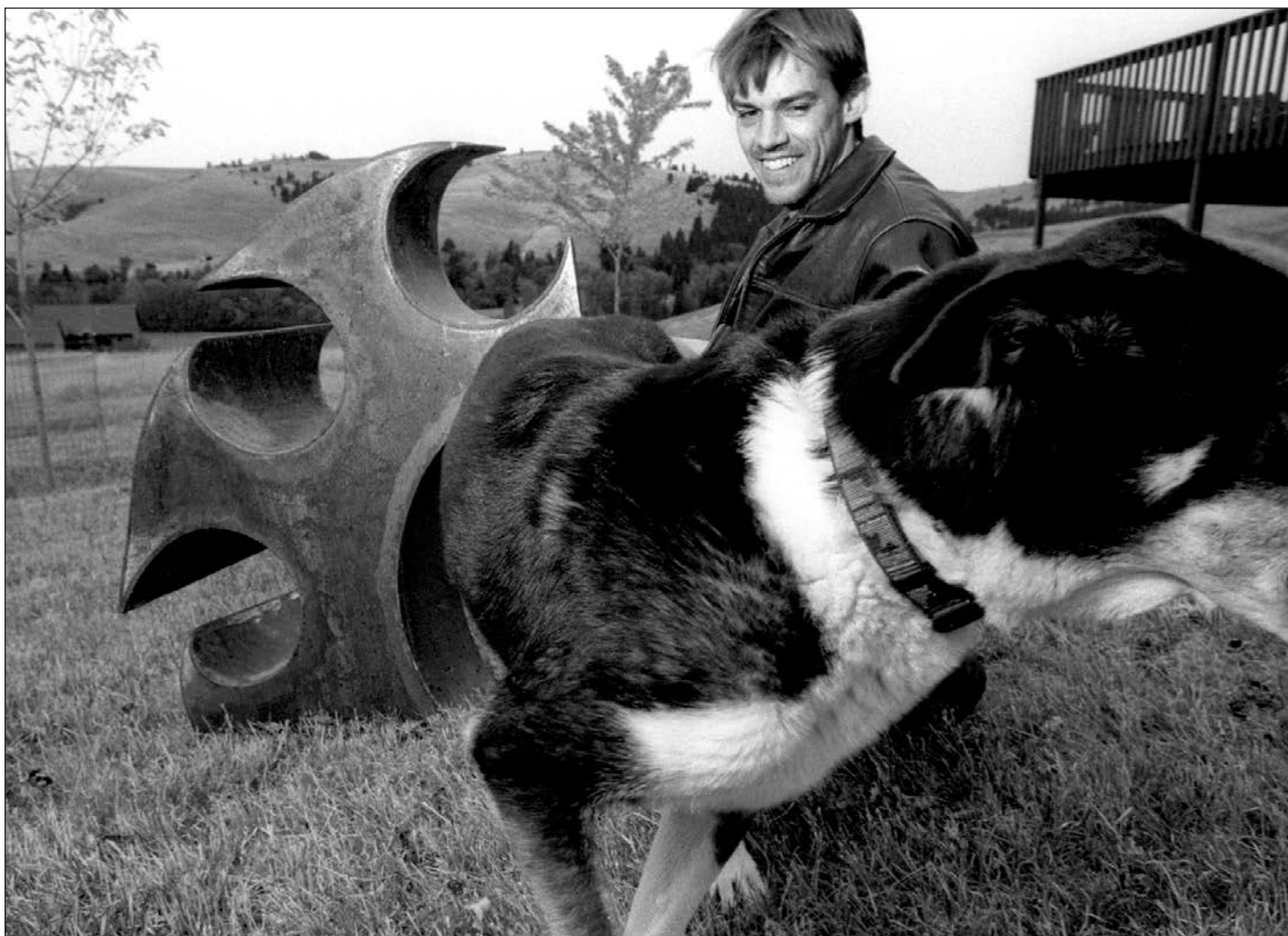
Megan Fisher, a junior who will apply to the program in February, must have 70 hours of observing other athletic trainers during the semester.

"I like injuries. I like to know what caused them and how to fix them," she says.

Fisher is still willing to spend more time if she can be accepted into the program.

"Once you're in the program ... they own you," she says.





Adam Pace sits by one of his sculptures in front of his home in Grant Creek with his dog Mosely last Wednesday. Pace recently moved from Arizona and plans to open a metal workers' resource center in Missoula where local metal artisans can market themselves.

# Metal Art

## Photos and Text by Nick Wolcott

Adam Pace's blackened hands gripped a steel rod as he sank all his weight into bending it into a spiral. You see a lot of spirals in Pace's work.

"I see the universe as a spiral, it's ever-expanding and going in multiple directions," Pace said. "Life circles around, it's made up of similar experiences, but if you learned from previous trials the circle won't connect — it will be an ever-expanding spiral."

Pace is a welder, blacksmith and an artist. But don't try to call him any of these — he's not comfortable being categorized.

"Welding is about 10 percent of what I do," Pace said. "It's hard to categorize myself."

On a Monday afternoon, a row of plain steel rods were lined up neatly on the metal table where he works at Bitterroot Welding. They will be heated, twisted, welded, hammered and ground until they become a flowing stream of intertwined metal that will be a hand rail for someone's staircase.

Pace said working with metal was his calling, "I like it and I'm good at it."

"I look at metal like it's a liquid, it's a very workable material," Pace said.

"I like its permanence. I can form it into whatever I desire and it will outlast me."

Pace has been working with metal for 15 years. He never went to college, but he spent six years as an apprentice at Art in Metal in Tempe, Ariz.

He grew up around architects — his father is a dean at Taliesin, an architectural school founded by Frank Lloyd Wright. You can see the influence architecture has on his work.

His sculptures are structured with attention to lines, form and space.

He started his own business in Prescott, Ariz., making custom staircases, lighting fixtures, fire-place grills and gates. He said there were ample amounts of affluent people building elaborate houses to keep him busy.

"When I moved here and saw Mansion Heights, I had to laugh," Pace said. "Those aren't mansions, they're little boxes compared to the houses being built in Prescott."

Despite making good money, he and his family had to leave Arizona.

"Arizona is the most walled-off state I've been to; it's got walls around walls," Pace said. He wanted to raise his two daughters and son in a place more aligned with his values, like Idaho, where Pace grew up.

"We moved to Montana so our kids wouldn't grow up thinking going to the mall was the ultimate social event," said Kim Pace, Adam's



Pace smooths out welds with a grinder to make the joints seamless. Pace works out of the shop at Bitterroot Welding, where he does part time work for the company and part time work for his own business. "It's a great partnership" Pace said, "They're very flexible about giving me the time to do my own work."

wife.

He sold his business and moved to Montana last October and started working for Bitterroot Welding seven months ago.

His dream is to open a metal workers' resource center — a gallery-type space downtown where local metal artisans can market their skills.

"When I was in Arizona, I saw a company making lots of money not because their product was good, but because they were good mar-

keters," Pace said.

"Most houses built now lack creative finish work, people fill them with cheap prefabricated doors and other fixtures," Pace said. "The lack of innovation and creativity in America is killing this country."

He said he eventually wants to get out of the fabrication of metal art and just market other peoples' work.

"I really got a chance to make it here; it's a booming town," Pace said.



Pace is currently making custom railings for this Missoula residence. "I used to spend a lot of time trying to get things just perfect," Pace said of his work. "Now, I don't worry about the imperfections, it's what makes it unique."



Pace has an extensive portfolio of jobs he did while in Arizona. "My hands get beat to shit," said Pace. "Often times I can't wear gloves because I need the dexterity and to feel for sharp edges."



### Horoscopes for the ignorant

**Aries** (March 21-April 20) \*\*\* Insiders say that ♈ “The Princess Diaries 2” will include only a cameo by the boring princess and four and a half hours’ worth of radical, un-edited diary footage.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 21) \*\*\*\* I hate to ruin ♉ “The Matrix: Revolutions” for you, but we now know one of the main plot lines will be Trinity giving birth to four adolescent adapted Samurai tortois-es. There will also be a gigantic talking rat and an appearance by “Master” Shredder.

**Gemini** (May 22-June 21) \*\*\*\*\* “Transformers” ♊ will be made into a movie for 2005. Coincidentally, this is the year that the original series was set. I like ham sandwiches.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) \*\*\* In ♋ “Kill Bill: Vol. 2,” Uma Thurman’s character will elect not to kill Bill, but rather to eat nachos at every Major League ballpark in the country.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 23) \*\*\* ♌ Harrison Ford put in his will that if he were to die before filming begins on “Indiana Jones 4,” then he wants Alf to take his place as Indy.

**Virgo** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) \*\*\* The third X-Men ♍ movie is going to be titled “X3: Three X’s.”

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* The next Resident ♎ Evil movie won’t be dealing with evil Resident Advisor zombies, but wouldn’t it be SO funny if it did.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* If ♏ “Harry Potter 4” isn’t a straight-to-video affair, you have my permission to punch a little kid in the face.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* ♐ “Batman: Intimidation,” the fifth Batman movie, will once again feature nipples on the outside of the Batman and Robin suits but still no nipples on Alicia Silverstone’s Batgirl uniform.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Mike Myers ♑ will not be playing the cat in “The Cat in the Hat.” He instead had them write Dr. Evil into the script.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Gwyneth Paltrow ♒ throws her name in the running for every female lead that comes open. But when was the last time she worked?

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* In the final installment to the Lord of the Rings, Frodo tells everybody to shove it and takes a U-turn towards Hardee’s. ♓

# Brazilian film intriguing

**Movie Review by:**  
**Ira Sather-Olson**

Children surrounded by violent crime, drugs, guns and death will almost certainly be negatively affected mentally.

Some become involved in the lifestyle as a means to “make it,” while others are able to escape the situation and actually make something of their lives.

One can witness this type of situation in the Brazilian movie “The City of God,” directed by Fernando Meirelles. It’s based on a true story and a book of the same name. The story takes place in the mid-’60s to the early ’80s in a crime-ridden slum in Rio Di Janeiro called Cidadae de Deus, or “City of God.”

What follows in this two-hour movie is a journey through the pits of a hell where a friend could get shot to death at any time and a typical day might see all of one’s personal belongings stolen.

The story centers on the life of Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues) and the events that occur around him. Rocket’s brother Goose (Renato de Souza) is a part of a gang called the Tender Trio. This gang likes to steal money from people; they end up robbing a hotel and are caught. Constant police raids on the slum occur in order to find the perpetrators of the robbery. One of the other members of the gang, a friend of Goose’s named Shaggy (Jonathan Haagensen), tries to split town with his girlfriend to escape the cops. Shaggy isn’t so lucky and is shot and killed by police. On the day Shaggy died, Rocket realizes that he wants to become a photographer.

The movie flashes forward to the ’70s when Rocket is in high school. He is still taking pictures and is now the photographer for his group of friends. When he visits a drug dealer and schoolmate of his named Blackey, his visit is interrupted by Lil’ Dice (now known as Lil’ Ze). Lil’ Ze (Leandro Firmano de Hora) was an annoying tag along in the Tender Trio but was never taken seriously. He was now the most-respected gangster and most-wanted robber in the City of God.

Lil’Ze soon takes over the drug trade of the slum and gets rich, but realizes he has competition from another dealer named Carrot (Matheus Nachtergaele). An all-out gang war erupts between the two drug dealers and much blood is shed.

Prior to the eruption of the gang war, Rocket tries his hand at robbery to make a living. He soon realizes that robbery is a dead-end road, and he is able to escape the violence and corruption of his surroundings by becoming a photojournalist.

“The City of God” is depressing, but very intriguing and well-directed. It shows the dark side of life as an inhabitant of a crime-ridden and drug-addicted ghetto. Much blood and death is shown throughout the

movie, but it seems essential in order for viewers to understand the story in this particular context.

One notices throughout the movie that the cinematography is one of its strong points. Lightning-quick jump cuts as well as dissolves and tracking shots help to keep the viewer’s eyes glued to the screen. The cinematography alone could definitely appeal to fans of director Darren Aronofsky’s movies “Pi” and “Requiem for a Dream.”

Character development throughout this movie is also one of its strengths. One can easily empathize with the lives of certain characters (especially Rocket’s) when they witness so much death and destruction throughout the tale.

While not an emotionally uplifting movie, “The City of God” is well worth one’s time and attention. The plot, cinematography and character development come together cohesively to make a refreshingly new and interesting movie. “The City of God” is playing at the Crystal Theater, located on the first floor of the Bridge Restaurant, this Friday, Oct. 24.

Admission is \$6 for the public and \$5 for students. The show starts at 7 p.m.

After the show, a discussion on violence in contemporary Brazilian cinema will be led by Clary Loisel, associate professor in the foreign languages and literatures department at UM.

# Why y’all gotta be hatin’ on feminism?

 **Uncle Luke Presents**  
By Luke Johnson

If there’s one thing that I hate, it’s women — women who refuse to fight for their rights.

Actually, I don’t hate anyone, but I wanted to use the above line because it’s a halfway startling starting gimmick.

So instead, let’s just say that it frustrates me when women don’t stick up for themselves. What do I mean by this?

Well, I kind of have trouble describing what I mean. But let me give you some examples:

1. Women far outnumber men at campuses across the country. The U.S. Department of Education reports that for every 100 men enrolled in college there are 128 women. Obviously it would go to figure that, on average, women are better educated and therefore smarter than men.
2. But what do these women have to look forward to after graduation? Women can look forward to getting paid less than men for doing the same job. They can look forward to fewer job opportunities, fewer chances of promotion and often-sexist work environments.
3. According to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, in 2002 women earned about 75 percent of what men earn in average full-time wages. Granted, that’s an improvement from 1963, when women earned only 58.9 percent of what men earned, but it’s not encouraging, either.
4. Don’t we have laws in place to protect us against this sort of thing? Yes, the 1964 Civil Rights Act bars employment discrimination based on sex, as well as race or ethnicity.
5. But it’s sticky. It’s not so easy to prove that you were passed over for a promotion because you’re a

woman. It’s hard to demonstrate to a court that you’re not considered for jobs that were once thought to be only for men.

I’ve got a friend whose mother is a vice president for a large corporation. She has risen up the corporate ladder probably as high as she will ever get. And she’s not held in high regard by people down the ladder. Fellow employees call her a hard-ass b\*\*ch behind her back and resent her because they think she got her job only to fill a quota on women in executive positions. Her promotion couldn’t have anything to do with her extremely hard work ethic. Hopefully, when our generation moves into the work force and the clowns holding our positions start to retire, things will even out. But this is probably wishful thinking.

Gentlemen: If you can’t see yourself with a female boss or working alongside female coworkers who are getting paid equally, then you don’t have a whole lot to contribute to society to begin with. I can’t speak for anyone else, but I’m man enough to admit that there are millions and millions of women who are smarter, stronger, faster, harder-working and just plain better leaders than yours truly.

2. Speaking of leaders, why is it that our country elects so few women into office?

Women make up more than half of the U.S. population, but fill just 75 of the 535, or 14 percent, of the seats in U.S. Congress. Only four states have sent two women to the Senate simultaneously, and six states have never sent a woman to either house of Congress at all. It’s only a little better at the state level, where women make up 22.6 percent of legislators.

What about the executive branch? How long will we have to wait until we see a woman president or vice president? By the look of things, quite a while — even

though surveys have shown that a majority of people said that they would vote for a woman president.

That’s the “beauty” of our two-party system. Neither party can afford to stray too far from the swing voters in the middle, so both take the smallest possible steps toward equality.

3. Again, hopefully when our generation (and those behind us) comes into its own, things will change. But I’m not so sure.

Here’s a few lyrics from the most popular musician with people in our generation in America today: “You want what you can’t have/ Ooh girl that’s too damn bad/Don’t touch what you can’t grab/ End up with two backhands/ Put anthrax on a tampax and slap you till you can’t stand ... Now I don’t wanna hit no woman/ But this chick’s got it comin’/ Someone better get this b\*\*ch/ ‘fore she gets kicked in the stomach/ And she’s pregnant, but she’s eggin’ me on/ Beggin’ me to throw her off the steps of this porch/ My only weapon is force.”

Of course, the artist in question is Eminem, who seems to be just as popular among women as men. I don’t think I’m alone when I say that I’ve got plenty of intelligent female friends who own and love all of Em’s music.

Here’s a guy who at his concerts will ask the audience if there are any ladies in the house. Then when the women scream, he will in not-so-polite terms tell them to screw themselves and to take off their shirts. Then he will have the men in the house scream obscenities and extend their middle fingers toward the ladies, all this while a blow-up doll that’s supposed to be his ex-wife travels around the crowd. It’s a really swell way to treat the young women who put up a ton of money to see him perform, isn’t it? And Slim Shady does what he does with relatively little opposition.

Why is it that you hear about the women of today knocking feminists more than anybody? Why is it that there are plenty of young women out there who hate other women and have only friends who are guys? Why is it that there are so many women out there who seem to be conforming to the bullsh\*\* instead of trying to change it?

I lie around and think about the state of things for women and I wonder, “Why aren’t more women sticking up for themselves? But I should also wonder why myself and most other men aren’t, either.”

That’s why it’s great to hear about groups on campus like Take.A.Stand, the men’s group that led a march downtown last Friday to raise community awareness of violence against women. Think about how much courage it takes for these guys to do what they do. No doubt there are plenty of people calling them “sissies” and worse, yet they have enough guts to stick up for what they believe in. They’re a good group of feminists.

Unfortunately, the word feminism seems to carry a negative connotation among many men and women. However, feminism does not mean a belief in women’s rights over men’s. The definition of feminism is “the belief in the social, political and economic equality of the sexes.” So according to the dictionary, a feminist is anyone who believes in equality of the sexes.

We have to remember how far we’ve come. Our great-grandparents were the first American women to get the chance to vote. Our grandmothers were only allowed to work the most subservient jobs. Our mothers couldn’t participate in sports and remain underpaid. If we — the young women AND men — don’t help the movement continue to move forward, we risk a recession. We can’t have that.



Deer

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seems to be growing, Ballas said. Ballas, who is seeking re-election, said he brought the proposal to the attention of the council because some of the people he represents are worried about the perceived overpopulation.

“They are worried about the traffic accidents that the deer are causing, and I am, too,” Ballas said.

Max Bauer, general manager of Montana for BFI Waste Systems, deals with white-tailed deer frequently.

“We have picked up hundreds of dead deer in the past two years,” Bauer said. “On a busy week, we pick up 25 to 30 deer, especially in the Grant Creek area, where the population seems to be higher.”

A new state law signed by Gov. Judy Martz in April 2003 allows local governments to “adopt plans to control, remove and restrict game animals within the boundaries of a city.”

If Missoula adopts a plan, FWP would review it and make any changes it finds necessary, said Bob Lane, chief legal counsel for FWP.

“This law merely gives local government the authority to do something that they weren’t able to do otherwise,” Lane said. “But FWP still has the general authority.”

Jonathan Jochim, a UM sophomore forestry major who lives in the University district, said he opposes the proposal.

“I don’t think that these animals should be killed for no reason,” Jochim said.

The proposal is still in the early stages, councilwoman Lois Herbig said. It is too early for her to form an opinion, she said.

“We just started talking about Jerry’s proposal last week, but I am keeping an open mind,” Herbig said. “I want to hear what both sides have to say, but I do know that if we could teach people to drive more sanely, then less deer would be hit.”

Bills

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Senior Garret Reese said he has been doing his own inspection of his house and is trying to winterize it as much as possible.

“I have been taping up the windows, making sure the outside water pipes are turned off — basically anything else I can think of to save myself from becoming cold and broke,” Reese said.

He said that he has been preparing for winter by putting extra money away for energy bills.

“I do not want to have to give up half my pay check in December to North-Worst-ern,” Reese said.



Josh Drake/Montana Kaimin

Owen Commons rail slides in front of the Liberal Arts building Tuesday evening. “I enjoy the women on campus” Commons said, explaining why he chose his place to skate.

Sniper suspect serves as own defense lawyer

Matthew Barakai  
Associated Press Writer

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — In a dramatic encounter that will be echoed throughout his trial, John Allen Muhammad cross-examined a restaurant owner Tuesday who was wounded and robbed in a shooting linked to last year’s sniper spree, telling him, “I understand how you feel when your life is on the line.”

Paul J. LaRuffa’s testimony came a day after Muhammad was allowed to represent himself on murder charges related to the killing of Dean Harold Meyers outside a Virginia gas station on Oct. 9, 2002.

LaRuffa testified about the shooting a month earlier in which he was wounded in the chest and arm and robbed of about \$3,600 and a laptop computer that was found with Muhammad when he was arrested. Prosecutors told the jury during opening statements that the sniper suspects robbed LaRuffa to help finance the spree.

“I’m not asking these questions to be disrespectful. I understand how you feel when your life is on the line,” Muhammad told LaRuffa before the questioning.

During questioning from prosecutors, LaRuffa said that after closing his restaurant in Clinton, Md., and getting in his car, “I saw a figure to my left. I saw a flash of light. The window broke. I heard shots. I was being shot. I said I wasn’t going to die. I said, ‘I’m not dying in this parking lot.’”

LaRuffa, who choked back tears during part of his testimony, said he could not identify the man who shot him. He realized shortly afterward that he was bleeding from both the chest and the back. One bullet fragment lodged next to his spinal cord.

After court, LaRuffa described the cross-examination with Muhammad as surreal.

“It’s from the twilight zone. Defendants aren’t supposed to question you, and that’s what happened,” he said.

In other testimony Tuesday, a policeman said he spoke to Muhammad near the scene of the shooting for which he is on trial, but let him go as the officer dealt with panicked drivers trying to flee the area. Prince William Officer Steven Bailey testified that Muhammad was “very polite and very courteous” when they spoke as Muhammad drove his Chevrolet Caprice out of a restaurant

parking lot where police believe the snipers fired the shot that killed Meyers. The meeting with the officer occurred just a half-hour after the shooting.

Bailey said Muhammad told him that police had actually directed him into the parking lot as they secured the crime scene. Only later that night did Bailey find out that was untrue.

“I didn’t catch on. I wish I had,” Bailey told Muhammad on cross-examination.

Bailey also testified that he found a Baltimore map book in the restaurant parking lot, which was later determined to have Muhammad’s fingerprints on it. The map book is one of the few pieces of physical evidence linking Muhammad to the Manassas crime scene.

Muhammad, 42, and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, are charged with 13 shootings, including 10 deaths, over a three-week span last October in the Washington area. They are also suspected or charged in shootings in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona and Washington state.

Muhammad’s trial took a surprising turn Monday when he was granted the right to serve as his own lawyer.

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